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May 5, 2015

The Honorable Ernest Y. Martin Chair and Presiding Officer and Members Honolulu City Council 530 South King Street, Room 202 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Martin and Councilmembers:

Subject: Cost Items – Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Bargaining Unit 11

Pursuant to Section 89-10(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), I am submitting for your action a non-wage cost item adjustment for Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA) Bargaining Unit 11. The respective cost item is for the period effective July 1, 2015, to and including June 30, 2017.

According to Chapter 89, HRS, only cost items require Council action. Section 89-10(b), HRS, provides that,

"The state legislature or the legislative bodies of the counties acting in concert, as the case may be, may approve or reject the cost items submitted to them, as a whole. If the state legislature or the legislative body of any county rejects any of the cost items submitted to them, all cost items submitted shall be returned to the parties for further bargaining."

Furthermore, in accordance with HRS Section, 89C-3(b)(2), managers excluded from Bargaining Unit 11 shall be provided adjustments that result in compensation and benefit packages that are at least equal to the compensation and benefit packages provided under collective bargaining agreements for counterparts and subordinates within the employer's jurisdiction.

Attached is a summary of the cost item for Bargaining Unit 11 included and excluded managerial employees.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Carolee C. Kubo, Director of Human Resources and the City's designee for collective bargaining, at 768-8500.

Sincerely,

Kirk Caldwell

Mayor

Attachments

cc: Department of Budget & Fiscal Services



No.	

RESOLUTION

APPROVING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS FOR THE INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU BARGAINING UNIT 11 (HAWAII FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION).

WHEREAS, Chapter 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), establishes a statewide collective bargaining process for public employees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 50 (Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund) of the Bargaining Unit 11 Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2017, the employers and representatives of Bargaining Unit 11 (Hawaii Fire Fighters Association) reopened negotiations on February 26, 2015, concerning Employer contributions to the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) for plan years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017; and

WHEREAS, the parties agreed to new Employer contribution amounts; and

WHEREAS, HRS Section 89C-3(b)(2) states that the Director of Human Resources shall formulate a recommendation for City Council approval which "Ensure(s) that adjustments for excluded civil service employees result in compensation and benefit packages that are at least equal to the compensation and benefit packages provided under collective bargaining agreements for counterparts and subordinates within the employer's jurisdiction"; and

WHEREAS, the new agreement makes adjustments to a cost item and is effective from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 89-10(b) and 89-11(g), HRS, the cost item is subject to appropriations by the respective legislative bodies; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it approve the collective bargaining cost item for the Bargaining Unit 11 included and excluded managerial employees of the City and County of Honolulu, a summary of which is attached as Exhibit A; and



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RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and Director of Human Resources of the City.

	INTRODUCED BY:
DATE OF INTRODUCTION:	
Honolulu, Hawaii	Councilmembers

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL AGREEMENT FOR BARGAINING UNIT 11

On February 26, 2015, the employers of Bargaining Unit 11 (HFFA) reopened negotiations on the subject of Employer contributions to the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (ETUF) for plan years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. The parties agreed to new Employer contribution amounts, which covers the following City employees (as of March 31, 2015):

Bargaining Unit	Included	Excluded	Total
11 – Firefighters	1,000	-0-	1,000

Excluded Managerial

In accordance with HRS Section 89C-3(b)(2), managers excluded from Bargaining Unit 11 shall be provided adjustments that result in compensation and benefit packages that are at least equal to the compensation and benefit packages provided under collective bargaining agreements for counterparts and subordinates within the employer's jurisdiction.

Excluded Managerial Positions in the City and County of Honolulu (as of March 31, 2015)

Bargaining Unit	Total
EM – Excluded Managerial	26

Summary of Agreement:

I. Duration

The new agreement over Employer contribution amounts to the EUTF is effective from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

II. EUTF

Effective July 1, 2015, the Employer will pay specific dollar amounts for the PPO and HMO plans which are equivalent to the Employer Contribution rates from the previous year plus an increase of \$10, \$20 or \$30, for the self-only, two-party and family rates, respectively. The Employer will pay specific monthly contributions which are generally equivalent to 60% of the premium cost and 60% of the administrative fees for all other plans except the life insurance plan (for which the Employer shall 100% of the premiums and fees).

Effective July 1, 2016, the Employer will pay specific dollar amounts for the PPO and HMO plans which are equivalent to the Employer Contribution rates from the previous year plus an increase of \$10, \$20 or \$30, for the self-only, two-party and family rates, respectively. The Employer will pay specific monthly contributions which are generally equivalent to 60% of the premium cost and 60% of the administrative fees for all other plans except the life insurance plan (for which the Employer shall 100% of the premiums and fees). The estimated increase to EUTF costs for Unit 11 is as follows:

FY 2016	FY 2017
\$390,303	\$722,074